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Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

SIR:

Please find an Amendment transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

Any fees required should be charged to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002, reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

**Remarks**

Claims 15-30 remain pending in the above-referenced application. Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 18-25 and 27 include allowable subject matter. Before turning to the merits of this Office Action, Applicants are submitting herewith the courtesy copy of the PTO Form 1449 and stamped postcard receipt that should have accompanied the prior Amendment. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return this form.

Claims 15, 16, and 28-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0017415 to Campbell et al. ("Campbell"). Applicants respectfully disagree because Campbell does not teach "the first vehicle determining the relative position of the at least one second vehicle at predetermined time points using the distance sensor" that is equipped in the first vehicle. (Emphasis added). In Campbell, a first vehicle 12 determines the relative position of a second vehicle 16 not through the use of a